

IEEE Canadian Foundation

Report to Canadian IEEE Life Members

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The IEEE Canadian Foundation provides scholarships and grants to students, student branches, and other worthwhile project recipients in Canada. During 2002, the foundation awarded 14 Scholarships, 4 McNaughton Learning Resource Centre Upgrade Grants, and 4 Special Grants - totaling \$75,205.

The foundation board members are grateful to Canadian IEEE life members who generously support our activities with financial contributions and wish to let you know how we disburse these funds. If you use the Internet, you can find out much more at our web site at: "ieeecanadianfoundation.org".

IEEE Canadian Foundation Scholarships. The current value of scholarships (for which nominations will next be submitted) is \$3500 for university students and \$1750 for college students and is intended to cover the major portion of the scholarship holder's final year tuition fees. The fourteen 2002 scholarships were awarded to students who demonstrated leadership skills at McNaughton Centres at the following schools; Carleton University, Concordia University, Connestoga College, Dalhousie University, Memorial University, McMaster University, Queens University, Ryerson University, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, and University of Toronto.

IEEE McNaughton Learning Resource Centres. There are currently 29 centres across Canada from Vancouver, B.C. to St. John's, Newfoundland. Typical values of grants to establish or upgrade these centres range from \$3,000 to \$10,000. The four 2002 grants were awarded to IEEE Student Branches at; the Universities of Alberta and Calgary, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Red River College.

IEEE Canadian Foundation Special Grants. This grant category allows the foundation to foster innovation by individuals, student branches, IEEE Canada, and occasionally other worthwhile groups. The 2002 grants were for the following special projects; an underwater vehicle project at the University of Victoria, travel support for the IEEE Canada Student Training Workshop held in September 2002, a grant for the second IEEE Canada GOLD Leadership Training Workshop, and one to Ryerson University for an International Conference for Upcoming Engineers.

Cooperation with the IEEE Foundation. While cooperation between the foundations has existed since the beginning, the most productive event was a joint meeting of the members of both boards of directors in July 2002 when the IEEE Foundation board was meeting in Toronto.

Improving our Ways to Accept Donations. We are responding to your concerns that tax receipts were slow to arrive to you when you used the annual IEEE membership renewal letter to donate. By working with IEEE staff, we have speeded up the process and expect to issue tax receipts in a timely manner. Donations can be made either by mail or the IEEE web renewal form. We have recently introduced a telephone number (705-743-7712) where you can donate using your credit card in direct conversation with our treasurer, Luc Matteau. Luc is always ready to receive donations by cheque if you mail them to the foundation office at 456 Rogers Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 1W9. Luc issues receipts right away as long as you include your own mailing address. In 2002, our income was approximately \$36,000 in investment returns and \$29,000 in donations - clearly, donations form a critical part of our capability to support IEEE student activities in Canada.

Contact the Foundation. Now that life member chapters are being formed in Canadian Sections, we hope to interact with you through your chapter organization, provide you with information about us and what we do, and seek your input and support. If you have any questions or suggestions, Luc and I welcome your input by mail (at the address above) or by email or telephone at the address below.

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